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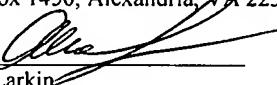
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DETECTING MICROORGANISM TO BE USED THEREIN

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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed April 5, 2005. A copy of the search report is enclosed. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. Copies of the references from the ISR are believed to be available to the Examiner and thus are not provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

US 2005/0048524 is an English equivalent of JP 2004-290171. English abstracts have been included for the remaining Japanese references. Partial English translations have been included for the publications written by Y. C. Chang, et al.

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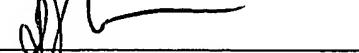
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